

SUGGESTIONS FOR RTI PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- ---Establish a study team that conducts an assessment of your system's readiness to use an RTI model (see readiness survey handout).
- ---Conduct an Awareness Initiative
 - --- Become aware of the Tennessee Reading Policy Panel's Recommendations, adopted in October 2005, located at the State Board of Education website on the Policies page, Instruction, Reading (<http://state.tn.us/sbe/policies.html>).
 - --- Examine your research-based core reading program for the inclusion of the five essential components of reading instruction:
 - Phonemic Awareness
 - Phonics
 - Fluency
 - Vocabulary
 - Comprehension
 - ---Become aware of multi-tiered instruction. One way to study this is by examining the Reading First Program used in many Tennessee schools at <http://www.tennessee.gov/education/ci/cireadfirst/>. Also see the "Tennessee Reading First Intervention Guide" online at <http://www.state.tn.us/education/>.
- --- Establish a school-wide student assistance/intervention/collaborative team.
- ---Focus on **Grades K-3** and **Reading** to begin RTI processes.
- ---Study scheduling and resource decision-making with a school-wide intervention team. The 4th RTI online module to be published December 2006 will help with this. Examination of Reading First schools will also help.
- ---Conduct training on progress monitoring. Use the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd currently online RTI modules. Also use the IRIS Center's modules, "Classroom Assessment 1" and "Classroom Assessment II." Visit with schools, such as Reading First, that use Progress Monitoring. Progress Monitoring is a **critical** component of RTI. RTI can not be implemented without effective progress monitoring.
- ---Conduct training on differentiated instruction. The 3rd RTI online module published and now online (September 2006) will help with this. Reading First schools also have expertise in differentiated instruction.
- ---Study the IRIS Center online modules (<http://iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu>).
 - Click on Resources. We suggest the following four modules as a starting point.
 - Click Star Legacy Modules.
 - Scroll down to Differentiated Instruction.
 - Use Modules *Classroom Assessment 1* and *Classroom Assessment 2*.
 - Use Modules **RTI Overview, Part 1, RTI Assessment, Part 2, and RTI Reading, Part 3. RTI Putting it All Together, Part 4**, will be available December, 2006.

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